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**UTAH CHILDREN'S
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"Where Small Voices Can Be Heard."



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CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTERS

- ▶ The First Children's Justice Center (CJC) in Utah opened in 1990.
- ▶ There are 14 Children's Justice Centers in Utah.
- ▶ CJCs have a child-friendly atmosphere with interview rooms designed to help children feel safe and comfortable while they are being interviewed regarding alleged abuse.
- ▶ The Attorney General's Office is statutorily responsible for:
 1. Administering the CJC program.
 2. Increasing the number of CJCs.
 3. Guiding and leading the CJC program.
 4. Reviewing & making recommendations to improve the state's response to children's justice issues.
 5. Producing qualifications, uniform guidelines and protocols for all CJCs.
 6. Maintaining a State Advisory Board on Children's Justice. This board is comprised of professionals appointed by the Attorney General, the Governor, the Chief Justice and other professional organizations such as the Utah State Bar and the Utah Prosecution Council. This Board also sits as the Utah State Children's Justice Act Task Force in compliance with the requirements of CAPTA.
 7. Establishing and maintaining the Utah State Chapter of the National Children's Alliance.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

- ◀ **Provide a safe, comfortable environment for children to be interviewed regarding allegations of abuse.**
- ◀ **Increase coordination of child protection and criminal justice agencies.**
- ◀ **Reduce trauma to children.**
- ◀ **Conduct better forensic interviews.**
- ◀ **Reduce the number of times a child must tell about the abuse.**
- ◀ **Help children and their families through a difficult experience.**
- ◀ **Provide families with information about the resources available to them.**
- ◀ **Help families access the available resources.**
- ◀ **Decide what is in the best interest of the child.**
- ◀ **Track cases to follow the child's progress through the investigation, court involvement and treatment.**
- ◀ **Provide ongoing coordination with involved agencies to ensure that the case is approached in the child's best interest and to reduce the chance that cases will fall through the cracks.**
- ◀ **Transcribe interviews and provide the investigator and prosecutor with a complete transcript of the victim's statement.**
- ◀ **Continue expansion and development of CJCs.**

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN CJCS

Utah has a Medical Assessment Program. This program provides children across the State with: 1) access to early intervention, 2) accurate diagnosis of physical or sexual abuse, 3) consistency in medical evaluations, 4) uniform training of health care professionals, and 5) guidelines for examinations. The legislature appropriated funding in FY2000-01 for the operation of the Medical Assessment Program. The State contracts with Primary Children's Medical Center (PCMC) to administer the program. PCMC employs a physician who oversees the program, nurse practitioners and nurses, who conduct the exams. In some areas, PCMC contracts with physicians to conduct the exams. PCMC provides training, oversight and assessments for critical cases. This program is a successful model because it utilizes the geographically distributed CJCs and because expertly trained and experienced nurse practitioners and/or physicians conduct physical and sexual abuse exams. These professionals provide quality care for the children and forensic information for the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP

Children's Justice Centers in Utah are private/public partnerships. Last year, the CJCs received funding and support through:

*State Funding
Community Donations
Local Government Support/Grants
Federal Funding
National Children's Alliance*

Once a community has acquired a facility and a program has been established, the A.G.'s Office will approach the Legislature for operational funding. In the interim, the CJCs are dependent on federal grant funds and private fund raising efforts for start-up costs. The 14 existing CJCs were started with funding from the Children's Justice Act Grant. This grant comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau.

There is a great need for private funds. Typically, when older homes are acquired, they need considerable renovation. CJCs are dependent upon private donations for the items that create the "child-friendly" home-like atmosphere: teddy bears, doll houses and playground equipment. Training is another critical need where private donations are crucial.